

Minutes

Wood Island Advisory Committee

April 4, 2015

9 AM

Kittery Town Hall, large conference room

Attending: Town Council Wood Island Advisory Committee - Duncan McEachern, Page Mead, Jeff Pelletier, Judy Spiller; WILSSA - David Kaseluaskas; Town Manager - Nancy Colbert Puff

1. Update on Brownfields process

The Town has contracted with Ransom Environmental to handle the government filings. The brownfields grant has a three year life expectancy. If fund-raising for the exterior renovations is unsuccessful, then the Town would have to consider how to proceed.

2. Update on funding

There is a bill before the State of Maine legislature to allocate \$200,000 for the exterior repair. There is a pending National Park Service Maritime Heritage grant for lighthouse renovation, also for \$200,000.

WILSSA has submitted materials for the State of Maine Historic Preservation Commission consideration to add the life saving station to the application list for historic designation. That would not relieve WILSSA from complying with applicable flood plain regulations but would lighten the burden.

Discussion focused on the longer term issue of use. In the Town-WILSSA agreement, that issue was to be addressed upon successful completion of the renovation; however, given the imminence of likely State and Federal funds, the Town may have to address this question and that of long-term maintenance in the short-term.

3. Other

WILSSA has yet to submit building permit for the project. That will likely occur once there is some funding for the renovation work.

The US Army Corps of Engineers rejected the plan to backfill the seawalls and will likely require that new seawalls be constructed. This past winter's storms did significant damage to the already compromised seawalls.